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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2002. As this Amendment is being mailed on or before May 13, 2002, it is believed that no fees are due in connection with this filing. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees or other relief as may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68556/RFT/SPL).

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of identifying a sequence alteration in a target nucleic acid as compared to a control nucleic acid, said method comprising: